

do so without this legislation. H. Con. Res. 86 authorizes the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board to work with the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to ensure that all the necessary arrangements are made to conduct this race in complete compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol Grounds. The 64th annual Greater Washington Soap Box Derby will be held on Saturday, June 18.

Since 1991, the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association has held its race on the Capitol Grounds. Each year, it attracts over 50 racers, both boys and girls, ranging in age from 8 to 17. These young people work very hard to build their own gravity-powered race cars from a kit provided by the All-American Soap Box Derby program. What a great name, All-American Soap Box Derby, because it is, of course, true that like apple pie and motherhood, soap box derby rings so true to all Americans. Participating in the soap box derby provides contestants with an opportunity to learn basic building skills and a sense of accomplishment. Racers are divided into three divisions, stock, super stock and masters. The local winner of each division automatically qualifies to compete with racers from around the world in the All-American soap box derby. This year's race will be held on July 30 in Akron, Ohio, where every year since 1936, except during World War II, young people have gathered to race.

The festivities in Akron begin when the racers receive a police escort into town and conclude in the winner's circle with the awarding of scholarships and merchandise. In between, the racers and their families participate in a whirlwind of activities that leave them with enduring friendships and memories that I am sure will last a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, I am honored that all three of last year's winners of the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby were from my congressional district from the Washington competition: Haley Luense of Accokeek, Robbie Reuss of Waldorf and Robert McDaniel of Bowie. They were not winners of the national competition but they were participants and did well.

Madam Speaker, this event has been called and I quote, the greatest amateur racing event in the world. There may be a dispute on that from time to time, but it is a wonderful opportunity for our children from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia to venture into the world of engineering while experiencing the spirit of competition.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join with me and the other original cosponsors, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN), the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) in supporting this resolution. Again, I thank the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania for her leadership in assuring that this bill gets to the floor in a timely fashion so that we will be ready for June 18.

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am delighted to join with the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) in support of House Concurrent Resolution 86. In particular, I do want to acknowledge the efforts of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) who has consistently been a champion for his constituents in ensuring that this event take place each year.

House Concurrent Resolution 86 authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. On June 18, 2005, youngsters from the greater Washington area who are between 9 and 16 will test the principles of aerodynamics as they race down Constitution Avenue in their soap box vehicles that they have designed and constructed.

Madam Speaker, many hundreds of volunteers donate considerable time supporting the event and providing families with a fun-filled day, which is quickly becoming a tradition in the Washington, D.C., area. The event has grown in popularity, and Washington is now known as one of the outstanding race cities in the Nation. Consistent with all events using the Capitol Grounds, this event is open to the public and free of charge. The organizers will work with the Capitol Hill Police and the Office of the Architect. I support House Concurrent Resolution 86 and urge support of this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), the ranking member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

(Mr. OBERSTAR asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, the annual soap box derby is one of the most constructive activities that the Congress can support in behalf of young people and truly for families. As the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) has already explained and as the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) has explained, constructing these vehicles brings together families, brings out the creative instincts of young people, gives them an opportunity to innovate and to produce a product in which they have ownership and which takes a great deal of time and which brings families together. Supporting the annual soap box derby, we are doing something truly constructive for families, for the Nation's capital young people and for young people across America.

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) that the House suspend the rules

and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 86.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 135) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 135

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*

#### SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR D.C. SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN.

On June 10, 2005, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may jointly designate, the 2005 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run (in this resolution referred to as the "event") may be run through the Capitol Grounds as part of the journey of the Special Olympics torch to the District of Columbia Special Olympics summer games.

#### SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITY OF CAPITOL POLICE BOARD.

The Capitol Police Board shall take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the event.

#### SEC. 3. CONDITIONS RELATING TO PHYSICAL PREPARATIONS.

The Architect of the Capitol may prescribe conditions for physical preparations for the event.

#### SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the event.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) and the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCHWARTZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT).

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

House Concurrent Resolution 135 authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 20th annual District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to take place on June 10, 2005. The Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to using athletics to impact the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Funds raised through projects like the Law Enforcement Torch Run make it possible for athletes with disabilities to train and compete year round.

The Special Olympics offers something that is seldom offered to these individuals. It creates an environment where persons with disabilities are

fully accepted, encouraged and empowered. Through training and competition, Special Olympics athletes grow mentally and physically, improving their physical fitness and motor skills and ultimately gaining greater self-confidence. With more than 85,000 law enforcement officers carrying the flame across 35 nations, the 2004 Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run raised more than \$20.5 million. This event has historically been the largest and most successful Special Olympics grassroots fundraiser and awareness vehicle, and with the authorization of House Concurrent Resolution 135, we will ensure its continued success.

The sponsors of the event will work with the Architect of the Capitol and the United States Capitol Police to comply with all the applicable regulations relating to the use of the Capitol Grounds and will assume responsibility for all expenses and liabilities related to the event.

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I encourage my colleagues to join the law enforcement community in supporting the Special Olympics and join me in supporting this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, this event needs little introduction. 2005 marks the 38th anniversary of the District Special Olympics. The torch relay event is a traditional part of the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics, which will take place at Gallaudet University in the District of Columbia. This event has become a highlight on Capitol Hill and is an integral part of the Special Olympics.

In the early 1960s, Eunice Kennedy Shriver started a day camp for people with mental retardation, and the Special Olympics were born. The games help mentally challenged individuals gain confidence and self-esteem through friendly competition in a supportive environment.

Today, more than 1 million children and adults with special needs participate in the Special Olympics programs worldwide. Here in our Nation's capital, approximately 2,500 Special Olympians compete in dozens of events each year, and they are cheered on by their family members and friends. This inspirational event is due in large part to the efforts of thousands of volunteers from the greater Washington, D.C. area. And these individuals deserve our thanks and our assistance.

I enthusiastically support this resolution and the very worthwhile endeavor of the Special Olympics. I urge support for House Concurrent Resolution 135.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), ranking member on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

(Mr. OBERSTAR asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me this time and, again, the committee for bringing this concurrent resolution to the House floor, as is our annual responsibility, to authorize the use of the Capitol grounds for the Special Olympic Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The gentlewoman and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT), representing the majority, have well explained the purpose of the Special Olympics and the Torch Run. But I just want to take a moment to pay tribute to Sarge Shriver, who for so many years has been the inspiration behind, and the organizational force of, the Special Olympics. It really has become synonymous with Sarge Shriver. This event, which has become so widely admired, so greatly appreciated, has just made an enormous difference for young, middle-aged and older mentally disabled persons, reinforcing their self-confidence, building self-esteem, and improving the quality of their health as they prepare for and participate in the Special Olympics.

From time to time on Sunday I see Sarge Shriver at our Lady of Mercy Parish where I participate in mass when I am in the Washington Area. It just pains me as I see Sarge Shriver overcome by the mental ravages of Alzheimer's. Even with this dreadful disease he certainly functions well, and his body is strong, and his mind is clear. But one can see the ravages of this dreaded ailment. And for one who has given so much to so many people for so many years, it just brings home to me every time I see him this enormous contribution that he has made so selflessly over the many years.

Eunice Shriver, who took over the Kennedy family initiative on behalf of the mentally disabled, played a strong, forceful role in my hometown with the publisher of our hometown newspaper, Veda Ponikvar, in building and commissioning the Range Center for the mentally retarded, bringing people who have been neglected, held in homes, shut away in closets and downstairs rooms and attics and bringing them out into the world and giving them an opportunity for self-esteem, for self-confidence, to learn skills, to be productive members of our community.

And so across the country, those who have been helped by the Shriver family and the Kennedy inspiration for the programs to support those with mental disabilities, the Special Olympics stands out as the premier activity nationwide to give respect, recognition, full membership in society to those not so fortunate as the rest of us.

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 135.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 136) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 136

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*

#### SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary (in this resolution referred to as the "sponsor") shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the 24th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (in this resolution referred to as the "event"), on the Capitol Grounds, in order to honor the law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2004.

(b) DATE OF EVENT.—The event shall be held on May 15, 2005, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

#### SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—

(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and

(2) arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

#### SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor is authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the event.

#### SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the event.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) and the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms.